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A written analysis for the below item(s) are attached for your consideration. If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Gary Collins, Acting Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-1826.

Item 3(C)

***WAIVER OF FORMAL BID PROCEDURES TO AUTHORIZE THE PARK AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE UMPIRE AND SCOREKEEPER
CONTRACTS***

Item 3(D)

AMENDMENT TO A00-PARK-02

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

WAIVER OF FORMAL BID PROCEDURES TO AUTHORIZE THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE UMPIRE AND SCOREKEEPER CONTRACTS

Park and Recreation Department

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes a waiver of formal bid requirements of Administrative Order 3-38, to allow the Park and Recreation Department Director to execute contracts with individual umpires and scorekeepers at County parks.

PRESENT SITUATION

On Nov. 5, 1985 the Board of County Commissioners approved a waiver of formal bid procedures and requirements of Administrative Order 3-2 to secure softball umpires and scorekeepers at County parks. That resolution authorized the Manager to execute service agreements and increase the fees and total expenditures at a rate not to exceed 5 percent per year. Administrative Order 3-2 has since been replaced by Administrative Order 3-38, prompting for a new resolution.

POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This resolution adjusts the fee schedule approved in 1985 to reflect current regional market rates for softball umpire and scorekeepers; and retains the provision to allow the Manager to increase the fees yearly at a rate not to exceed 5 percent. A new resolution was needed because the original Administrative Order 3-2 was replaced by Administrative Order 3-38.

According to the updated contract, scorekeepers shall receive:

- \$8.40 per game
- \$7.50 per practice game
- \$1 additionally per game for computing batting averages

The breakdown for umpires' fees is as follows:

- \$18 per game (\$4 additional if sole umpire working the game)
- \$50 maximum per day to conduct training/education sessions

An individual scorekeeper or umpire will not be paid more than \$8,000 for the duration of the one-year contract. The Department shall pay no more than \$420,000 per year on all agreements combined.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Park and Recreation Department has allocated \$420,000 in its fiscal budget to pay for the all contracts relating to umpire and scorekeeper services. These budgeted expenses are offset by softball league fees paid by the teams.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The following is the answer to a query posed to the Park and Recreation Department:

Q: Are the proposed rates for softball umpires and scorekeepers in keeping with a national standard? If not, how was that pay scale derived?

A: The softball umpire and score keeper rates are a result of staff doing comparative local surveys for these services within the greater Miami-Dade and Broward areas in fiscal 2001-02. We are competitive in our payments, but on the slightly lower side.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT TO A00-PARK-02

Park and Recreation Department

SUMMARY

This item extends by two years a professional services agreement with 10 firms hired to provide design and construction administration services for projects at multiple parks.

PRESENT SITUATION

The original agreement, which was ratified on April 23, 2002, awarded each firm \$1,500,000, for a term of three years. At the end of this current term the firms would have used approximately \$10 million of the total \$15 million allocation.

The agreements are being funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (SNP), Quality Neighborhood Initiative Program (QNIP), Impact Fees (IF), and the Government Obligation Bond (GOB).

POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The purpose of this two-year extension in time is to allow the Park and Recreation Department to use the consultant contracts up to capacity, which is \$ 1.5 million each.

This will also allow the Department to assign work related to the General Obligation Bond program to the ten firms.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

There is currently no financial impact related to this item.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

This extension in time may give these 10 firms an advantage over other firms in receiving projects stemming from the General Obligation Bond program, by having these firms in the pipeline as projects for the Bond program begin.